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## **MPHA Schedules Mid-Year Meeting January 12-13, 2006 at the Pearl River Resort in Philadelphia**

The Mississippi Public Health Association will conduct a mid-year meeting in January 2006 to complete Association business and to meet the training mission of the association. The meeting will be held January 12-13, 2006, at the Pearl River Resort in Philadelphia. The theme will be "New Beginnings for a New Year," and speakers are currently being recruited for the session. The registration fee for this shorter session will be \$50, and the Mississippi Department of Health will reimburse the Association directly for the fees for their employees who attend. Department of Health employees should register for the meeting through their District Administrator or Office Director, rather than sending directly to the Association. Instructions for registration are included on the form and MDH employees should contact their Administrator or Office Director for further information. Registration for non-MDH employees will be handled directly with MPHA and registration fees are due upon registration. **You must register for this meeting even if you completed registration for the September 2005 meeting that was cancelled.**

Longevity Awards, Section Awards, and Prestige Awards for 2005 will be presented at the meeting in January. The Association will honor 2005 membership **for this meeting only**, and we encourage each of you to renew your membership for 2006 while you are at the meeting. As this will not be a full meeting, individual training sessions for each section may not be possible, nor are full business meetings for all sections. Space is limited, so if your section would like to hold a business/educational meeting please contact Terri Sasser (contact information below) to arrange for space. Look for more information about the upcoming meeting on the MPHA website at [www.HealthyMS.com/mpha](http://www.HealthyMS.com/mpha) and in future newsletters. If you have questions, please call MPHA President Terri Sasser at 601-266-5251 or e-mail her at [terri.sasser@usm.edu](mailto:terri.sasser@usm.edu).

### **2006 Mid-Year Meeting Schedule (Tentative)**

#### *Thursday, January 12*

1:00 p.m.	General Session
1:15 p.m.	Keynote Speaker (to be determined)
2:00 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m.	State Health Officer's Address (invited)
3:15 p.m.	Presentation of Longevity Awards
4:00 p.m.	Section Meetings / Educational Sessions
7:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet

#### *Friday, January 13*

8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Closing Speaker (to be determined)
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Business Session
11:30 a.m.	Adjourn

## MPHA Voting Results Completed; Miles to lead in 2007

Slightly more than 230 MPHA members voted in the recent mail-in election, and Pam Miles came out top to lead the Association in 2007 as President Elect. Terri Sasser was also elected as the APHA delegate for the next three years. Both Miles and Sasser will assume their new roles at the close of the mid-year meeting in January.

Voting results for the By-Laws amendments were mixed; the measures to approve an annual MPHA Outstanding Member Award and to move the parliamentary duties to the President-Elect passed easily. The proposal to create an Executive Director and to increase the dues structure did not pass.

A complete review of all the voting results will be provided at the mid-year meeting in January.

## 2006 MPHA Mid-Year Meeting Registration January 12-13, 2006

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_

Mississippi Public Health Association Member? ☐ yes ☐ no

Mississippi Department of Health Employee? ☐ yes ☐ no

*Note: MDH will directly reimburse MPHA for registration fees (up to \$50.00) for employees who are members of the Association. MDH will not pay membership dues. **YOU MUST circle the amount on the form even if your agency is paying the registration fee, but enclose a check only for membership dues and any contribution.***

**Membership Dues are non-refundable.** Please make check or money order payable to MPHA and return with this completed application.

### Registration Fees: (circle one)

MPHA Members	\$50.00
Non-Members	\$62.00
Late/On-Site (extra cost)	\$20.00

### Membership Dues: (circle one)

Regular	\$12.00
Retirees	\$ 6.00
Students	\$ 5.00

Tax Deductible Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total (including directly reimbursed registration fee) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Deadlines

MDH Employees: Registration form is due to your District Administrator or Office Director on or before December 22, 2005. Administrators and Office Directors will submit to MPHA by December 30, 2005.

All others: The deadline for pre-registration is **December 30, 2005**. Please mail completed application and dues/registration to: **MPHA Registration**, Attn: Sandra Hill, Underwood Bldg., Room U-213, P.O. Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215-1700

### HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

#### Pearl River Resort, Choctaw, Mississippi

Call 1-866-447-3275, and identify yourself with Group Code **MPHA16** to get a conference rate of \$65/night (plus tax) for a single or double room. **Reservations will be accepted through December 29, 2005.**